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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application
Peterson, et al.

Examiner: C. Anderson

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Art Unit: 3735

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Dept. Acct. No.: 04-1403

Title: Smoking Article
Wrapper for
Controlling Ignition
Proclivity of a
Smoking Article
Without Affecting
Smoking
CharacteristicsAssistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C.AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 6, 1998, please
amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7, 13, 21 and 27.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18,
20, 22, 23 and 26 as follows:

1. (Amended) A smoking article comprising a tobacco
column, and a wrapper surrounding said tobacco column, said
smoking article having a first end, a second end, and a
longitudinal axis extending from said first end to said second
end. said wrapper comprising discrete areas of reduced
permeability for improving ignition proclivity characteristics of
said smoking article, said discrete areas of reduced permeability